

Walnut Creek Wetland Center Group Programs



Walnut Creek Wetland Center Hours of Operation

Monday

Closed

Tuesday - Saturday

10:00am - Dusk

Sunday

1:00pm - Dusk

Looking for great group programs and field trip destinations? Why not visit the Walnut Creek Wetland Center! Raleigh's newest nature center sits on 59 acres of urban wetlands just 2 miles south of downtown. We offer educational programs focusing on wetland science as well as a variety of free and fun activities for all ages.

Wetland Wonders

Who lives in a wetland? Spend time with a nature instructor learning about some of the interesting animals that call the wetland home. Activities may include a puppet show, story time, a nature walk and/or a nature craft related to wetland animals.

Grades: Preschool – Kindergarten

Price: \$40

Discovering Wetlands

Swamps are not dark and creepy places! Join a nature instructor to learn the truth about wetlands. Forest walks, games, demonstrations, discussions and hands on activities will lead participants to a better understanding of the importance of wetlands.

Grades: 1st - 8th

Price: \$45

Wetland Birds

Wetlands are essential to the survival of many animals including more than 80% of endangered or threatened bird species! Join a nature instructor to learn about what makes birds unique and how birds have adapted to use wetlands as homes. Participants will learn to identify common wetland species by their calls and field marks and, weather permitting, enjoy a guided walk through the wetland where they can practice looking for signs of bird activity.

Grades: K-5th

Price: \$45

Reservations: reservations must be made at least three weeks before the requested date and can be made as early as August 1st for the current school year. Early planning and scheduling are advised if you would like a program in the spring. A confirmation packet will be mailed six weeks in advance. Payment is due two weeks before the scheduled program date. Maximum group size is 30 participants.

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Other Fun Things To Do

In addition to our paid programs, there are a lot of FREE and FUN things to do at the Wetland Center. No reservations required however, please give us a call before you come so that we may better serve your group.

Wetland Center Scavenger Hunt – Appropriate for upper elementary grades and up. Working alone or in teams, visitors use the Center's panel displays and exhibits to complete a worksheet as they learn about wetlands. Complete the whole page and earn a prize!

Wetland Center Bingo – Appropriate for early elementary grades, players match images from the Center's displays to pictures on a bingo card. One or more bingos earns a prize!

Create a Wetland Charm – Staff lead visitors in creating a memento of their visit to the Center. Each item added to the charm represents an element or function of wetlands. This activity takes about ten minutes and is appropriate for ages 5 and up.

Indoor Play Corner – Perfect for preschoolers, our lobby has a comfortable corner for reading picture and story books, doing simple puzzles, and playing with animal puppets.

Nature in a Nutshell – These ten minute presentations engage visitors in demonstrations of wetland functions and learning about wetland animals. Topics include beavers, wetland birds, and more.

Touch Table – Our changing display features nature artifacts (e.g. shells, feathers, antlers) that visitors may touch and examine with magnifying lenses. Use our collection of field guides to learn more about items on the table.

Greenway Walk – The Raleigh Greenway leads visitors through the Park and over a boardwalk in the wetland. A short loop can be created by using the sidewalk along State Street. A nature scavenger hunt and activity cards available in the lobby can be used to turn your walk into an engaging discovery trail.

Feel free to bring your lunch – if you don't mind sitting on the deck! Unfortunately, we do not have a picnic shelter or tables at this time. There is a large, shaded deck overlooking the wetland where you are welcome to sit and eat with your group. If you would prefer a picnic shelter, we are located about one mile from Chavis Park which has a picnic area as well as a playground.

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